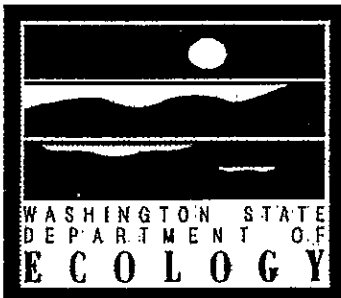


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The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) proposes to terminate interim status and close the **324 Sodium Removal Pilot Plant** in Hanford's 300 Area located just north of Richland, WA. USDOE filed a Part A permit application based on the possibility that sodium waste might be brought to the facility for treatment. This did not occur, and there is no intent to operate the facility for that purpose. All components related to the 324 Sodium Removal Pilot Plant have been dismantled, removed, and managed according to the Washington state guidance for disposal or reuse. USDOE has requested that the Department of Ecology close the facility under terms of the Hanford Tri-Party Agreement's procedural closure provisions. If approved, the unit would no longer be managed as a treatment, storage and disposal facility according to hazardous waste facility regulations.

How you can be involved

Ecology would like to hear your issues or concerns before deciding on this procedural closure. A 45-day public comment period will start **March 12 and end April 28, 1997**. No public hearing is planned, but a hearing will be scheduled if requested. Requests for public hearings or meetings should be submitted by April 1, 1997, to allow for timely notice to other interested Hanford stakeholders.

For more information, to submit written comments, or to request a hearing contact Greta Davis, Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program, 1315 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336-6018, (509) 736-3025 or call Hanford Cleanup toll-free at 1-800-328-3008.

Information available:

The permit application and related information may be read and copied at the Hanford Information Repository:

All information in the repository, plus all data submitted by the applicants, may be reviewed at the Hanford administrative record.

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